

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that claims 1-2, 4-6, 17-18 and 20 are allowed.

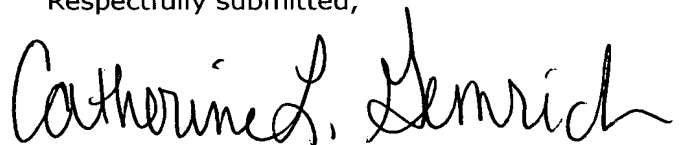
Claims 3, 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 3 has been amended to recite that the housing is made of cardboard. Accordingly, claim 3 and claims 16 and 19 that depend therefrom are not indefinite. Claims 3, 16 and 19 depend directly and/or indirectly from allowed claims and thus are allowable.

The Examiner did not examine claims 7-15 on the merits asserting they are in multiple dependant form. Applicant submitted a preliminary amendment (attached as Exhibit A) on 26 September 2000. That amendment was received by the USPTO on 26 September 2000. (See postcard attached as Exhibit B). Applicant asserts that because the amendment placed these claims into proper US format, the claims should have been examined. Applicant further asserts that because claims 7-15 depend directly or indirectly from allowed claims, they are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney Docket Number: 11796

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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September 26, 2000

Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

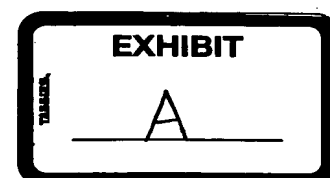
In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 2-5" and insert --claim 2--.
- Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of claims 2-9" and insert --claim 2--.
- Claim 11, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

- 16. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the filter housing is made in the shape of a tube (4) or sleeve.
- 17. A device according to claim 2, characterized in that said body (3) comprises activated carbon combined with a carrier material.
- 18. A device according to claim 2, characterized in that said first part comprises a microfilter (2), such as a HEPA filter.



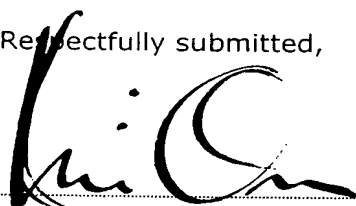
19. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the first (2) and the second (3) parts are attached to the filter housing (4) by means of gluing.

- 20. A device according to claim 2, characterized by a fastening member (5) for attaching the filter unit (1) to the exhaust gas system of the vehicle in question by means of an adapter.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependencies, and placing the claims in proper form.

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